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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. M5060.002

First Inventor ARTHUR ALLEN COUCH

Title Trench Shield Ladder

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120103**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.	8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <i>(if applicable, all necessary)</i>	
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 20] <i>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</i>	a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF)	
- Descriptive title of the invention	b. Specification Sequence Listing on:	
- Cross Reference to Related Applications	i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or	
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D	ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper	
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix	c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies	
- Background of the Invention	<b>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</b>	
- Brief Summary of the Invention	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))	
- Brief Description of the Drawings ( <i>if filed</i> )	10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <i>(when there is an assignee)</i>	
- Detailed Description	11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
- Claim(s)	12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations	
- Abstract of the Disclosure	13. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment	
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]	14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <i>(Should be specifically itemized)</i>	
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]	15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <i>(if foreign priority is claimed)</i>	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)	16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) <i>(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)</i>	17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Petition for Extension of Time..... .....Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).	
i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).		
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76		

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-part (CIP)      of prior application No.: 10/179,781

Prior application information:

Examiner Bruce Allen Lev

Art Unit: 3634

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Customer Number: 23875      OR       Correspondence address below

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Signature	<i>Molly D. McKay</i>		

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 860.00)

## Complete if Known

Application Number	
Filing Date	12/01/2003
First Named Inventor	ARTHUR ALLEN COUCH
Examiner Name	Lev, Bruce Allen
Art Unit	3634
Attorney Docket No.	M5060.002

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other  None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number	13-0470
Deposit Account Name	Molly . McKay, P.C.

## The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below  Credit any overpayments  
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385.
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 385.)			

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
11	-20** =		X	= 0	
2	- 3** =		X	= 0	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)		

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

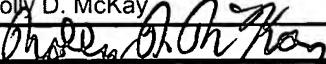
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	475.00
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			

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## SUBMITTED BY

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Signature				Date	12/01/2003

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Couch, Arthur Allen
Title	Trench Shield Ladder
Attorney Docket Number	M5060.002

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

12/1/2003

Date

Signature

918-836-8816

Telephone number

Arthur Allen Couch

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant must notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).

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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) M5060.002
In re Application of Couch, Arthur Allen		
Application Number 10/179,781		Filed 6/25/2002
For Trench Shield Ladder		
Art Unit 3634		Examiner Lev, Bruce Allen

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ 950.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 475.00.

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to change fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number \_\_\_\_\_.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the  applicant/inventor.

- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).
- attorney or agent of record.
- attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_\_.

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December 1, 2003

Date

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Molly D. McKay

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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